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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated 07/31/2003 for one month from 10/31/2003 to 12/01/2003 inasmuch as the one-month extension date of 11/30/2003 was a Sunday.

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